IS!. States where draft proposals are published and public sittings are scheduled to be held.

SI.No.	State	Date of Draft Notification	Date of Public Hearing
1.	Haryana	30-10-2006	28th, 29th and 30th Nov, 2006.

IV. Status of other States

Sl. No:	State	Position
1.	Andhra Pradesh	6 Meetings held with AMs.
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	Only paper 1 discussed with AMs.
3.	Assam	7 Meetings held with AMs. New Associate Members notified.
4.	Bihar	Working Paper being finalized for discussion with Associate Members.
5.	Jharkhand	Working Paper being finalized for discussion with Associate Members.
6.	Karnataka	3 Meetings held with Associate Members.
7,	Madhya Pradesh	4 Meetings held with Associate Members.
8.	Meghalaya	Only Papers-1 and 2 allocating Assembly seats to districts discussed with Associate Members. Papers 3 to 7 yet to be discussed with State Election Commissioner and Associate Members.
9,	Nagaland	Only Papers-1 and 2 allocating Assembly seats to districts discussed with Associate Members. Papers 3 to 7 yet to be discussed with State Election Commissioner and Associate Members.
10.	Tamil Nadu	6 Meetings held with Associate Members. New Associate Members notified.
11.	Manipur	Covered by court stay.

Comprehensive mineral policy

1244. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no comprehensive policy on mineral resources in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps his Ministry is planning to take to effectively harness the conventional mineral resources in the absence of a proper policy for exploration?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY): (a)The Ministry of Mines has enunciated National Mineral Policy in 1993 for non-fuel and non-atomic minerals and it is still in operation.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of reply for (a) above.

Reservation for women in Parliament

1245. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently a women delegation met the Chairperson of UPA demanding 33 per cent reservation for women in Parliament;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government are not serious for 33 per cent reservation for women;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government are facing any opposition from any quarter on this issue; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) The Government does not have any information regarding the meeting of a women delegation with the Chairperson of the United Progressive Alliance (UPA).

(b) to (e) The Government proposes to introduce a Bill in Parliament providing for reservation of seats for women in Lok Sabha and State Legislative Assemblies after a consensus is arrived at amongst the political parties on the provisions of the proposed Bill.